



Lancashire,
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Role Description

About the Lancashire Wildlife Trust

We are part of the Wildlife Trusts movement, the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to all wildlife. We are your local charity, working hard to improve your local area for wildlife and for you.

The Trust manages over 2,000 acres of some of the region's most precious wild places in the form of 37 nature reserves and 20 Local Nature Reserves. These provide places where wildlife can thrive and people can relax and enjoy the wealth of our natural heritage.

Wild Birthday Party Volunteer

What is a 'Wild Birthday Party' Volunteer?

The Lancashire Wildlife Trust are offering Wild Birthday Parties for children between the ages of 3 – 12 yrs. The three main party themes: Treasure Hunting, Pond and River Dipping and Tribal Survival activities aim to engage children with the outdoors in a fun setting. The volunteer will help with a variety of tasks to help the parties run as smoothly as possible and to ensure the children take away fantastic memories of the parties hosted by the Wildlife Trust. Parties are delivered at both the Environmental Resource Centre and The Hive at Moss Bank Park, Bolton.

What's in it for you?

- Experience of working with children and their families.
- Satisfaction from engaging children with the outdoors in a party setting.
- A chance to design activities and resources and/or pass on outdoor skills to youngsters.
- Being part of a fun and friendly team at the Wildlife Trust.

What's involved?

- Helping with the initial stages of planning the party.
- Developing materials to be used for activities.
- Becoming familiar with the outside area where the party will be held e.g. the Treasure Hunt route/ pathways back to the centre.
- Helping to set up before an activity including litter picking and organising equipment.

- Working alongside the member of staff throughout the party partaking in activities such as fire lighting, shelter building, pond and river dipping, games, hiding treasure hunt clues ahead of the party group.
- Interacting and enthusing the children and adults to make it an enjoyable experience for all.
- Collecting feedback from parents and children regarding the party.
- Helping to tidy up after the party.

This role will suit people who;

- Are enthusiastic about making children's experiences with the outdoors extremely memorable.
- Are creative and have the ability to design/ develop materials for the party.
- Are skilled in bushcraft and enjoy outdoor activities.
- Are happy to work on their own as well as alongside staff.
- Accept there will be duties such as litter picking and tidying up involved.
- Have experience of, or would like to gain experience of, working with young children and their families.
- Have a fun, enthusiastic and friendly nature.
- Are happy to volunteer in all weathers.

The desirable qualities listed above will vary according to what aspect of the party the volunteer wishes to help out with i.e. planning and/or delivery. So anybody interested in getting involved in a specific part of the voluntary position is still encouraged to get involved.

Extra information

Time commitment and frequency:

Birthday parties run adhoc, they are available during the week and weekend but will be held mainly at the **weekends** or throughout school holidays. Evening parties (between 4pm-7pm) are available from May to September.

They will run for 2 hours (1 ½ hours activity time and ½ hour for food) with an hour either side to set up and to tidy.

The planning and preparation for the parties will be during normal work hours, flexible to suit the volunteer.

The volunteer can commit to whichever of the tasks above they would like to be involved in.

Your place: Environmental Resource Centre, 499-511 Bury Road, Bolton, BL2 6DH

Volunteer Manager: Alex Bateson

Staff Contact: 01204 663 754 / abateson@lancswt.org.uk

Training/Resources: LWT Volunteer Induction
Access to the Volunteer Training Programme
Health and Safety
Manual Handling
Eligible to apply for internal vacancies

Expenses: Out-of-pocket travel costs between home and volunteering place will be paid up to a maximum of £4 per day, and other reasonable expenses agreed in advance

Requirements: We will ask you to provide two references.

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract.